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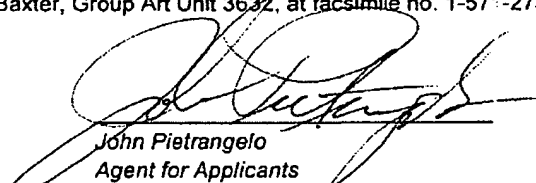
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before September 16, 2006, this Response is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.